

What Happens When You Don't Call Before You Dig

Oops! The following photos show the results when someone fails to follow the call-before-you-dig rule. In each case, a bulldozer or backhoe operator struck a natural-gas main.

Call first! Don't dig yourself into deep trouble. Whether you're a contractor working on a site or a homeowner working around your own home, digging can be dangerous if you don't check first for underground wiring or cables. There could also be other underground utilities, such as natural gas, water or sewer lines.

It's free and easy. Most utility companies and municipalities operate a free service to help make the excavating process safe: a single phone number for people to call to notify utilities with buried facilities that may be affected by the excavation project. Find out about the service in your area.



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